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WATKISS — BABES TAKE ON CROATIA

Quite a few years ago, in a NSW Grand Final, the superbly skilled Prague faced a keen, young and talented Canterbury — and much to the shock of spectators, were badly beaten.

One of the heroes of that match was John Watkiss whose young Sutherland now prepares for a repeat performance against Sunday's hot favorites, Croatia.

Can they do it? The old cliché says that in soccer anything is possible.

This is particularly true of finals where form and reputation often go overboard.

Croatia have proved to be the best NSW State League team in the last two years; this fact is beyond dispute.

When at their peak, they could hold their own in the PSL — which is, or should be, their ultimate aim anyway.

The team is oozing with talent and under Attila Abonyi's low-key coaching, this was most apparent in Sunday's final

against an overawed Melita.

With Peter Mullen back to his pre-injury best, the Croatia defence can contain almost any attack.

In midfield Abonyi is still the unsurpassed mastermind whenever he lets himself be involved for the 90 minutes.

And Sunday's Grand Final is sure to be one such occasion. His midfield partners, the robust young giant Coleman and the clever Savor are likely to gain the upper hand in this vital zone.

Up front Ian Stone is unlikely to enjoy the freedom of the park as he did against Melita — but even then, he's hard to hold: his ball skills and clairvoyance put him in a special class.

Sullivan is still one of the best strikers in NSW

even if some of his dazzling speed has gone.

Against this cohesive and coherent Croatia, Sutherland is likely to rely on close marking, constant tackling and, perhaps, some fast breakaways.

Schumann in defence, Watkiss in midfield, Beggs and Craig Hall up front are up to the "Croatia standard" — but the rest may not be.

Sutherland's greatest hope must lie in their youthful virility which seems to have invigorated even the veteran Watkiss.

When the two teams met a fortnight ago in a semifinal, Sutherland's whirlwind style and zest took a comatose Croatia by surprise.

Can this happen again? Chances are that Croatia will be much more cautious and much less complacent.

They must be also keen to consolidate their claim to be the State League's best team, having won the 1977 championship and Grand Final and again the 1978 championship.

Now it's only the Grand Final of 1978 that's missing from their cupboard — and that, plus the financial bonanza that goes with it, should be enough to stir them into top-gear action.

All things being equal (which they never really are), Croatia look too formidable, too polished and skilled not to win this vital Ampol Grand Final.

NO SCORE, NO POINT

Teams playing a 0-0 will receive no points in future — this is the recommendation to the ASF of national coach Rudi Gutendorf.

"We must do everything possible to make our matches more exciting," he said. "At present, we are not giving the public what it wants."

"In Melbourne, I saw the VFL final — what a magnificent non-stop action. No wonder they get a crowd of 100,000."

"While in Melbourne, I also saw a soccer match. A player had a bleeding nose — and the referee had the game stopped for an incredible five minutes."

"Bleeding nose! Are we breeding sissies here? I want to talk to the referees soon and beg them to let the play flow more than they do now."

"They can whistle a game to pieces. I know they must enforce the rules — but they should also help soccer develop as a crowd-pleasing spectacle."

"They shouldn't fuss too much about doubtful offside situations but tolerate them: perhaps we'll have more goals."

"What's more important: to religiously uphold every letter of the law — or to help create the type of spectacle spectators want?"

"Often the linesmen are waiting, indeed, itching, to come into the act and stop the game just to be noticed."

"We must do everything possible to make soccer more attractive, otherwise it will just die."

"In London or Munich, people can go home happy after a great 0-0 match. But not in the USA or in Australia."

"They want goals and not explanations about 'midfield battles'."

"I will also talk to the PSL club presidents to persuade them to keep their coaches for at least one full season."

"The poor devils, fearful about their jobs, will never dare encourage attacking soccer if they know that two or three defeats will have them fired."

Gutendorf will also suggest that as from 1979, all PSL teams include at least one player under 19, with another sitting on the bench.

"This way we'll have a minimum of 14 under-19 players actually playing every week," he said.

"I want to devise other ways also to encourage our best young players to concentrate more fully on the game. But without the help of the clubs, we'll get nowhere."

"Enormous talents like Craig Hall must not be allowed to be lost to the game through lack of opportunity, incentive and reward."



Rothmans prize to Terry Butler

Brilliant APIA winger Terry Butler won the NSW Rothmans Medal, the contest being based on points awarded by referees during the season to the "best and fairest" player.

Butler, 25, has been one of Sydney's best players for years and is a former international.

His win, announced at Monday's Rothmans Dinner, makes him the first Australian-born recipient since the award was launched in 1970.

Butler won from Arncliffe's A. Bankhead on a count-back.

These were the top vote-getters:

27 points: T. Butler (APIA) and A. Bankhead (Arncliffe); 26 points: B. Russell (Croatia); 25 points: A. Tracey (Auburn) and C. Hall (Sutherland); 23 points: J. McDonald (Auburn); 22 points: T. Greedy (Bankstown); 21 points: C. Cassettari (Manly) 20 points: J. Doyle (APIA); 19 points: B. Hoare (Granville).

NEXT WEEK

New South Wales under the microscope; that's the theme of our special issue next week.

How did we see the NSW State League season — and how did the clubs involved see their performances?

All the tables, scoreboards, top scorers of the State League and a detailed analysis of the second division make this feature a "must" to all readers.

Our regular features, held over from this week because of lack of space (amateurs, overseas, etc.), will also return next week.

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Midseason shuffles cost Ad. City dearly

Adelaide City crashed from fourth in 1977 to tenth in this year's PSL championship race.

To the soccer fraternity it was a surprisingly disappointing performance.

By their own high standards the alarming decline was little short of catastrophic.

Not only did City finish the season nearer the bottom than the top, but they also failed to have a striker among the leading goalscorers.

Last year the irrepressible Dixie Deans topped the goalscoring list with 16 of City's 50 league goals.

This year City managed a mere 38 league goals, mainly because Deans was unavailable until the 14th round.

But Deans' delay after a car accident in Scotland was just the tip of a chilly iceberg of trouble.

City began their league campaign with a home loss to Footscray followed by a draw with Canberra and a loss against Brisbane City.

At this uncertain stage the panic button was pushed, resulting in positive steps being taken to recruit from overseas.

By round four, however, City broke through their form slump to defeat St. George and followed with a creditable draw against Marconi in Sydney.

Subsequent successes over Eastern Suburbs Hakoah and Western Suburbs raised doubts about the necessity of bringing in the imports.

But the contracts were signed and Dumbarton captain Jim Muir, Graham Fyfe, of the same Scottish club, and Pat McCluskey,

from Glasgow Celtic, duly arrived in May.

The advent of guest star John Kosmina from Arsenal meant that troubled coach Edmund Kreft was called upon to make four changes to his then settled line-up.

City unleashed their full "Foreign Legion" to earn a 1-1 draw with South Melbourne, but it all turned sour the next week when they crashed 3-0 to Fitzroy.

Long serving coach Kreft was then replaced by former assistant national team coach Les Scheinflug, whose first league assignment was the local derby against Westad.

City went down 2-1, but Deans returned the following week to supply a psychological boost and a 3-1 win over Canberra.

Before the Canberra success, however, McCluskey and Fyfe executed a classic "moonlight flit" to relieve the dissatisfaction of the players who had been undeservedly shelved to make way for them.

Then Kosmina, jaded by an exacting season with Arsenal, quit for the season with the dejected remark, "I couldn't get a kick in a street fight."

The turbulent season was punctuated by frequent injuries, with Roger Romanowicz (shoulder) and Fred Yung (cartilage) among the more serious.

Socceroo skipper Gary Marocchi, who succeeded Frank Lister

as City captain, also had a potentially brilliant year interrupted by a nagging achilles heel injury.

It was a sad riches to rags story for City as their once well-endowed squad was reduced to 14 players with the return to Polonia of Henry Kolecki.

Despite their trials and tribulations, City still managed on in-

requent occasions to produce the magical, uninhibited style which stamped them as a feared opponent last year.

The big pluses which fire hopes that City will be in the forefront of the league fight in 1979 were provided by the emergence of young Peter Marshall as a top flight goalkeeper and the consistently good form of Buggy Nyskohus, John Besir, John Nyskohus and Frank Lister.



John Nyskohus

NEWCASTLE'S INSTANT HIT

Like Rip Van Winkle, the City of Newcastle awoke from a long slumber to prove once again that soccer is inbred in the community, the crowd-pulling success of Newcastle KB United being the envy of all other PSL clubs in 1978.

— By Myles Hay —

For too many years Newcastle has been content to be a nursery for more affluent Sydney-based clubs, which offered players greater incentives and the chance to display their ability for Australian representative team selection.

Now the thousands of local juniors have a distinct goal to attain — to play with Newcastle KB United.

In a year of tremendous excitement and involvement, Alan Vest's Newcastle side, backed by a clear-thinking band of local businessmen, became a reality.

A carefully documented application for entry into the Philips Soccer League was prepared for consideration.

It was not until November 21, 1977, that Newcastle United were accepted as the 14th member of the PSL, taking Mooroolbark's place.

Left with precious little time to form a team, manager-coach Alan Vest was sent to the United Kingdom to enlist players for the 1978 campaign.

A tremendous boost was given early in February, 1978, by the announcement that Tooth and Co. Ltd. had signed a three-year sponsorship arrangement worth \$100,000.

By early January, Newcastle United chairman Max Talbot was in a position to announce to a packed gathering at the International Sports Centre the composition of the United squad.

The majority of players named were Englishmen, the most experienced being Bill Summerscales, with more than 250 league games with Rochdale and Port Vale.

But the "quiet man" of the squad, Ken Boden, was to be the player to emblazon his name on every PSL ground through the States as the find of the year.

Ask these budding soccer stars aged from six years upwards who they would most like to be. Invariably, the answer is "Kenny Boden".

He brought back to Newcastle soccer lovers the thrill of a ball playing artist in full flight.

(Read a special interview with Boden in next week's Soccer World.)

Although a sound team player,

he displayed faith in his own ability to improvise, as distinct from some tedious technical trivia seen in much negative and abortive tactical manoeuvres during the season in the PSL series.

Newcastle United finished in 11th spot on the league ladder, hardly a position to cause much boasting, but of vital importance was the fact that the team continued to attract huge crowds.

In 13 home matches almost 110,000 flocked to the ideally situated International Sports Centre.

An average of nearly 8500, including over 15,000 attendances for the visits of Eastern Suburbs Hakoah and Marconi.

The Newcastle public had awakened from their long sleep to adopt the team, much to the consternation of the local Rugby League authority.

Unfortunately, despite the great success of Newcastle United, the Northern NSW Soccer Federation and its member clubs failed to capitalise on the new-found popularity of the code in the district.

A certain amount of apathy caused through basking in the glory emanating from the large crowds attending Newcastle's home matches has raised certain resentment in some quarters.

But the exercise of 1978 conducted by the Newcastle United directors should stand the local first division clubs in good stead for next year when it is realised that top promotional work does bring results, even without the same achievement on the playing field.

Newcastle won only three games at the Sports Centre, although registering six draws, yet the crowds continued to pour in.

No team in the league probably figured in so many memorable goals — not for their sheer brilliance but for the downright horror of seeing a player commit the unpardonable sin of scoring into his own net.

Eventual champions West Adelaide escaped from Newcastle with a solitary goal victory.

This was presented to the visitors by defender Roy Drinkwater

with as amazing an "own goal" as will ever be seen in soccer.

The goal even reached the screens of the BBC television series "The Big Match".

Drinkwater was to prove that this goal was no fluke by netting yet another "classic" effort at Marconi Oval when Newcastle were staging a fierce struggle with Rale Rasic's brigade.

But to skipper Drinkwater's credit, he fought back from under a dark cloud of criticism to end the PSL series as one of the most reliable defenders in the side.

Apart from the irrepressible Boden, nifty defender Colin Curran was the undoubtedly favorite of Newcastle crowds.

What a wonderful season, the former Socceroo has enjoyed.

Before a crowd of 15,614 Newcastle United defeated Marconi 1-0.

After the match, Marconi coach Rale Rasic spoke to me in glowing terms and with deep sincerity that he considered Curran was still the best defender in Australia.

Those thousands and thousands of spectators who made the International Sports Centre their regular viewing area would undoubtedly agree with the wisdom of Rasic.

But what about Alan Vest, 38-year-old manager-coach of the side?

He played with New Zealand in their World Cup campaign in 1974, before becoming Director of Coaching in Western Australia.

He failed to secure the post of Australian World Cup coach when Jim Shoulder was elected, and returned to England where he coached Rochdale.

He took on the position of Director of Coaching, Northern NSW, on the understanding that he would stay only if Newcastle were unsuccessful with their application for a Philips Soccer League berth.

His task has been an extremely tough one. Forced to hastily form a team, he has come up with a workmanlike unit based on tight tactical play to smother the opposition.

Because of a lack of creative

ability in midfield, Newcastle's movements often started from the fullback pairing of Peter Willis and Col Curran.

The midfielders, Craig Mason, Bill Amey, John Sneddon, Lloyd Hards or Mike Galpin were often left out with long searching balls to the attackers.

The temporary inclusion of Middlesbrough starlet Craig Johnston and Huddersfield's Bob Mountford supplied only partial benefit.

Johnson rarely appeared to fit into coach Vest's playing system, while Mountford foraged well but failed to display any goalscoring ability.

The full value of Joe Senkalski, secured from Sydney Olympic, will not be realised until next year when he settles into the side.

Injuries to Amey, Hards and Slav Catalovski further hampered the team's prospects, but the club officials are undoubtedly content with the 11th position gained by the side.

A great win over visiting Scottish side Dundee, and progress to the semi-finals of the Philips Cup also augmented Newcastle's initial season.

In the Philips Cup Newcastle have beaten Weston (Northern NSW 1977 champions), Croatia and Western Suburbs.

The year 1979 already looms largely in the plans of Newcastle United.

Coach Vest will be given \$40,000 to strengthen the team for next year's campaign and already some players have been earmarked as possibilities.

From a dormant city, Newcastle exploded onto the PSL scene in 1978 through splendid promotional work which could well be copied by other clubs.

The one match appearance of the former England and Manchester United star Bobby Charlton was, in itself, a masterful example, with Charlton visiting areas in Northern NSW to further foster the soccer code.

Newcastle's hard working and far-seeing board of directors led by Max Talbot and secretary Paul Trisley have already placed their plans on the "drawing board", and coach Alan Vest is naturally keeping fairly tight-lipped about the players he hopes to entice to Newcastle next season.

Adelaide News

Two courses have been arranged by the SA Soccer Coaches' Association, starting at Brighton on October 22 and Rostrevor on October 30. These are preliminary award coaching courses. Anyone wishing further information is invited to contact SA Coaching Director Mike Wells at Hindmarsh Stadium.

The "Goal" Soccer Shop, from

— From Vic Migliaccio —

Gawler Place, has moved to bigger and better premises. The new address is 38 Twin Street, Adelaide.

PSL champions West Adelaide have finally reappointed coach Jim Adam for the next season. West had offered Adam a 12-month contract in September but Adam refused to renew it unless certain conditions were changed. Now Adam has presented the club with a new contract drawn up by him, which was discussed by the committee last Thursday and then accepted. According to a club official both parties compromised on terms.

The following publications are available from the SASF office at Hindmarsh Stadium: 1. "Teaching Soccer Skill" by Eric Worthington (\$10). 2. "Soccer PE Package No 4" by SA Education Dept. (\$8). 3. Referee chart and players' guide to the laws of Association Football, 1977-1978 (\$1.15).

West Adelaide midfielder Graham Honeyman left for Scotland last week with his family for holidays. Before he left the club renewed his contract for next season.

West Adelaide were honored with a civic reception by the Lord Mayor, George Joseph, on Tuesday evening which he had promised a week before Wests won the PSL.

The Director of Coaching of West Germany, Karl-Heinz Heddergott, arrived in Adelaide on Tuesday afternoon and attended a dinner organised by the SASF in the evening. Heddergott will conduct coaching clinics to primary schools and high schools and demonstrations for senior coaches using U19 players the following day.

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NSW AMPOL CHAMPIONSHIPS



MELITA "PIGEONS" STONED TO DEATH

If it's true that Neville Wran single-handedly won the NSW State election, it's also true that one day later Atilla Abonyi's tactics put Croatia into the Grand Final.

— BY ANDREW DETTRE —

By moving Ian Stone into the centre of the attack, Abonyi found a secret weapon Melita Eagles couldn't counter.

And just think of it: had Kovacic been fit to play, Stone would have sat on the reserve bench, Abonyi having been dissatisfied with his application.

Melita Eagles? They were not even pigeons or sparrows on the day; the team which showed so much promise a week earlier offered less than token resistance in the final.

Actually, they were never given the chance to entertain grandiose ideas about victory: from the start Croatia was purring in top gear, clearly determined to beg their supporters' pardon for the almost unpardonable display against Sutherland.

Against this sophisticated exhibition, the nonplussed Melita seemed helpless.

For some inexplicable reason they insisted on lobbing high balls towards their tiny strikers where Parker, with his intricate runs, alone represented some danger.

In the 14th minute Croatia's

forward push was duly rewarded: following a long throw-in Abonyi, for ever the alert opportunist, was allowed to nip in and flick home an easy shot from six metres.

At the 30th and 31st minute marks Stone and Bob Russell tested the quite brilliant Bracklow, then Cagali's long distance shot was saved by the Melita goalie.

Just on halftime Ian Stone knocked another nail into Melita's coffin: with perfect timing he stole a ball, shrugged off



Croatia's Ian Stone.

two hesitant challenges and smashed the ball home from 14 metres.

In the second half the pace slackened; Croatia, sensing no danger, went into a relaxed mood.

But even then the impotent Melita attack couldn't create enough real chances to reduce the leeway.

In the 75th minute Jones was dozing and let a chance pass; three minutes later Mikas shot over the bar. But that was the sum total of Melita's attacking spirit.

The closing stages again belonged to Croatia. In the 84th minute Stone's superb shot was saved brilliantly by Bracklow.

And one minute from fulltime it was 3-0. Stone took a freekick some 25 metres from the goal and, slicing the ball with the outside of his foot, curved it perfectly into the upper corner, a la Nelinho.

Croatia's superiority was never in doubt: in every phase of the game they were the better and

more purposeful of the two teams.

In their tight defence Russell, Mullen and Smith were all in top form but the highly rated Cagali was again disappointing.

Abonyi and Savor were the chief schemers in midfield; it was good to see Abonyi again at his creative best.

Up front Stone was highly effective, but Sullivan and John Russell were also hard to hold.

In Melita only Bracklow and Yamine stood between a devastating defeat and a respectable loss.

The midfield lost its battle in the first minutes of the match and in the attack only Parker can rate a good word.

Ikononou and Farrugia were listless, jaded and overawed by the occasion and never reproduced their earlier impressive form.

Tim Davies gave one of his best refereeing displays of the year.

CROATIA: Watson 4, B. Russell 4, Cagali 3, Mullen 4, Smith 4, Abonyi 4, Coleman 3 (Basic 62m), Savor 4, J. Russell 4, I. Stone 5, Sullivan 4.

MELITA "PIGEONS": Bracklow 5, Ververis 3, Yamine 4, Huntley 3 (Drossos 46m), Mikas 3, Darvill 2, McAusland 2, Ikononou 2 (McGovern 70m), Farrugia 2, Jones 2, Parker 4.

GOALS: 1-0 Abonyi (14m), 2-0 Stone (45m), 3-0 Stone (89m). **REFEREE:** T. Davies. **CROWD:** 6073.

Tasman Cup to Normanhurst

Normanhurst won their first Tasman Cup 1-0 against Canterbury in a schoolboy classic at Englefield Stadium last week, with the decider coming three minutes into extra time when Peter Seach finally cracked Tony Pezzano's goal with an unstoppable drive.

Normanhurst overcame the loss of their star striker, Tim Yeates, with a broken wrist, and also a great burst of second half attacks inspired by Canterbury's Pat Serrett.

Robert Wheatley was voted the player of the match by a narrow margin from Seach and defender Warren Spring.

John McDonald coached the winners, and Dennis Dalsanto had to be satisfied with second spot this year.

Jannoli, with three goals from Keith Tillet, defeated Booragul 4-2 in the third-place play-off, and CHS defeated GPS 6-0.

The crowd of over 2500 enjoyed every minute of the action-packed evening.



Scene from last week's final won by a most impressive Croatia.

"CHAMPION" PROGRAM

This is the schedule of finals in the NSW "Champion of Champions" series on Sunday.

U-8: Forest Rangers v North Rocks
U-9: Winston Hills v Sylvania
U-10: Smithfield v Forest Rangers
U-11: Kirrawee v Epping
U-12: Pagewood v West. Suburbs
U-13: Lilli-Pilli v Nth. Epping
U-14: Lethbridge v Engadine
U-15: Epping v Wenty Waratah
U-16: Warrawong v Randwick
U-17: St. Ives v East Bankstown

U-18: Blackett v Carlingford
U-21: Loftus v Sans Souci
Seniors: Cronulla RSL v Albury

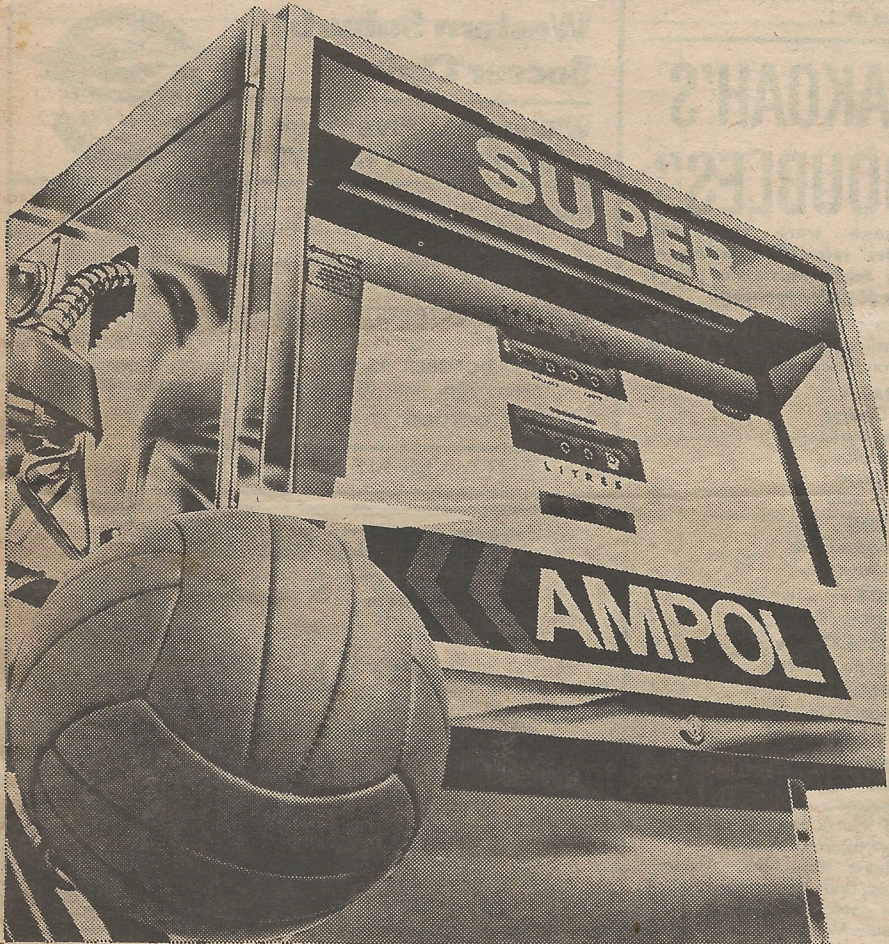
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FULL LIST OF ALL PSL APPEARANCES

A total of 297 players were used by the PSL clubs in 1978 — a drop of three players on last year — for an average of 21.2 players a team.

Only 17 of them appeared for the full 90 minutes of all 26 matches.

What's more, there are only four players who appeared in all 52 PSL games so far in the two seasons: Marconi's Alan Maher, Paul Degney and Jim Rooney, as well as Footscray's Jim Kondarios.

This year there were 28 players who only appeared as substitutes, never playing the full 90 minutes.

The record holders in the "subs department" are Micevski (13 games), Vasic and A. Fisher (11), Djuricic, D. Allan and I. Johnstone, all on 10.

The table below gives all appearances of all players of all teams — based on our weekly reports.

We hope the lists are complete and accurate — but should any club query it, we will appreciate their advice.

The names are listed in alphabetical order, the teams according to their final placings.

The abbreviations are: F—played full matches; P—played part of matches; T—total number of appearances in matches, full or part.

WEST ADELAIDE

	F	P	T
Batchelor, John	1	1	2
Boyle, Peter	23	3	26
Bozanic, Vic	20	5	25
Caruthers, Eric	2	2	4
Crook, Martyn	25	1	26
Honeyman, Graham	22	1	23
Jones, David	24	—	24
Kambas, Con	20	1	21
Koulianos, George	—	3	3
McCulloch, Graham	—	1	1
McGachey, Neil	26	—	26
McGregor, Ian	21	2	23
Norris, Graham	14	8	22
Pantelis, Nick	1	1	2
Pillans, David	11	2	13
Reynolds, Barry	25	—	25
Service, Sam	—	1	1
Tymczyszyn, Peter	16	3	19
Vagianos, Lacki	3	2	5
Zervas, Alex	6	6	12
Zivkovic, Uros	1	2	3
Players used: 21 (in 1977: 22)			
Played in all: 3			

EASTS HAKOAH

	F	P	T
Barnes, Murray	21	1	22
Campbell, Ernie	18	5	23
Clarke, Todd	23	—	23
De Melo, Luis	1	1	2
Illingworth, Jeff	2	1	3
Kershaw, Alan	1	2	3
McGuinness, Robert	1	—	1
Mowbray, Henry	26	—	26
Mullen, Kevin	21	2	23
O'Connor, Steven	24	1	25
Pezzano, Tony	3	—	3
Silva, Adahilton	24	2	26
Silva, Simao Antonio	1	2	3
Smith, Robert	8	3	11
Smith, Terry	7	4	11
Souness, Ian	14	3	17
Stevenson, John	23	1	24
Thomson, Eddie	22	1	23
Townsend, George	—	1	1
Treanter, Mark	4	4	8
Watson, Joe	25	—	25
Players used: 21 (in 1977: 20)			
Played in all: 2			

SOUTH MELBOURNE

	F	P	T
Baxter, Stuart	24	1	25
Bergman, Billy	—	1	1
Campbell, George	13	1	14
Christopoulos, George	11	2	13
Cummings, Duncan	21	2	23
Evans, Alan	7	—	7
Hansen, Joe	16	—	16
Hatzimanail, Mike	26	—	26
Kakantonis, Steve	1	2	3
Kalafatis, Kris	22	1	23
Kent, Chris	12	1	13
Kyriakoulas, Kyriakos	—	2	2
Lutton, Bertie	20	2	22
Munro, Frank	5	—	5
McGuinness, Robert	2	3	5
Nicolaidis, Socrates	1	1	2
Ollerton, Peter	11	—	11
Pye, Mike	25	1	26
Reilly, Jack	10	—	10
Rogers, Bill	24	2	26
Vaughan, Peter	1	—	1
Wright, Sam	22	2	24
Players used: 22 (in 1977: 21)			
Played in all: 3			

MARCONI

	F	P	T
Berry, Mike	1	3	4
Brogan, Peter	5	4	9
Byrne, Gary	9	1	10
Degney, Paul	26	—	26
Ielamo, Domingo	—	2	2
Jankovics, Mark	16	5	21
Jones, Barry	15	4	19
Maher, Alan	26	—	26
Mariani, Bert	22	4	26
Ollerton, Peter	10	—	10
Prskalo, Ivo	23	—	23
Richards, Ray	8	2	10
Rooney, Jim	26	—	26
Russell, John	22	3	25
Selva, Stuart	5	5	10
Sharne, Peter	24	1	25
Vieri, Roberto	22	2	24
Williams, Richards	3	5	8
Players used: 18 (in 1977: 17)			
Played in all: 4			

FITZROY

	F	P	T
Bannon, Pat	22	3	25
Blasby, Peter	19	—	19
Bouzikas, Andrew	17	6	23
Buljevic, Branko	17	5	22
Campbell, Jim	24	2	26
Cole, Gary	25	—	25
Hay, Doug	—	3	3
Manner, Jim	7	—	7
McMillan, Arthur	25	—	25
Micevski, Mike	5	13	18
O'Reilly, Jim	24	1	25
Proven, Bobby	24	—	24
Rakovalis, Nick	2	1	3
Selmenidis, Theo	6	6	12
Tansey, Jim	25	—	25
Taylor, Ken	22	2	24
Tront, Joe	1	1	2
Players used: 17 (in 1977: 21)			
Played in all: 1			

BRISBANE LIONS

	F	P	T
Amos, Steve	12	9	21
Bennett, Colin	23	—	23
Fairbrother, Barry	13	5	18
Hermiston, Jim	26	—	26
Hughes, Alan	22	4	26
Laslo, Paul	15	8	23
Lawrie, Ian	1	4	5
Lownds, John	22	1	23
McKenzie, Roddy	4	—	4
Morris, Geoff	11	6	17
Neale, John	24	2	26
Niven, Alan	17	1	18
Ogden, John	2	3	5
Ontong, Paul	9	6	15
Potter, George	26	—	26
Spearritt, Eddie	12	6	18
Venables, Alan	2	3	5
Wilson, Graham	2	4	6
Wilson, Leon	13	—	13
Players used: 19 (in 1977: 24)			
Played in all: 4			

ST. GEORGE

	F	P	T
Acosta, Isidoro	—	1	1
Barton, Mark	1	—	1
Clemence, Ray	2	—	2
Coates, Ralph	10	1	11
Coe, Martin	24	—	24
Dale, Michael	—	1	1
Djuricic, Zoran	1	10	11
Gnani, Rodolfo	9	4	13
Grosse, Brendan	23	2	25
Harris, George	25	—	25
Hensman, Peter	13	7	20
Holmik, Emery	2	3	5
Jones, Paul	13	3	16
Kay, Paul	3	2	5
Mendez, Carlos	6	3	9
Morgan, Neville	21	5	26
O'Connor, Phil	23	2	25
O'Shea, John	22	1	23
O'Shea, Michael	5	3	8
O'Shea, Robert	15	2	17
Rendell, Michael	—	1	1
Terry, Peter	17	4	21
Tonanez, Rafael	2	2	4
Utjesenovic, Doug	20	1	21
Vlassis, Jim	—	1	1
Players used: 25 (in 1977: 22)			
Played in all: 1			

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

	F	P	T
Ainslie, Alan	23	3	26
Allan, Don	4	10	14
Allan, Greg	9	1	10
Bell, Richard	11	1	12
Botham, Ray	—	3	3
Constantinou, Nick	1	1	2
Coton, Paul	1	1	2
Cross, Mike	25	1	26
Davourlis, Con	7	1	8
Herron, Jim	—	2	2

Jamieson, Alex	24	—	24
Karakostas, Hercules	3	—	3
Karasyros, John	—	1	1
Laing, Derek	25	1	26
Luckett, Paul	15	2	17
Markland, Stuart	17	3	20
McIntosh, David	23	1	24
Meier, Gary	23	—	23
Palmer, Bill	14	2	16
Pirie, Bill	7	1	8
Raskopoulos, Peter	1	2	3
Senkalski, Joe	4	7	11
Stravopodis, Bill	2	4	6
Thamnidis, Chris	1	3	4
Wilson, Ken	16	5	21
Players used: 25 (in 1977: 25)			
Played in all: 3			

WESTERN SUBURBS

	F	P	T
Ankudinoff, Greg	3	—	3
Campbell, Barry	3	1	4
Davies, Mark	—	1	1
Dodd, Brian	5	—	5
Drews, Robbie	2	—	2
Eaton, Clive	26	—	26
Eaton, Terry	10	—	10
Fisher, Alan	10	11	21
Harding, David	26	—	26
Lachowicz, Wally	6	1	7
Noble, Bobby	7	3	10
O'Donnell, Brian	24	2	26
Rowden, Ian	16	5	21
Samuels, Mark	2	6	8
Scott, Andy	10	6	16
Skellern, Rod	23	1	24
Stone, Peter	25	—	25
Turnbull, Warren	26	—	26
Vernon, John	9	9	18
Wilson, Peter	20	1	21
Woodhouse, Greg	9	1	10
Players used: 21 (in 1977: 20)			
Played in all: 4			

ADELAIDE CITY

	F	P	T
Besir, John	18	1	19
Dance, Danny	1	3	4
Deans, John (Dixie)	10	1	11
Fyfe, Graham	2	1	3
Kolecki, Henry	5	3	8
Kosmina, John	3	1	4
Lister, Frank	23	2	25
Marocchi, Gary	11	7	18
Marshall, Peter	19	3	22
Marwee, Robbie	8	8	16
Matic, Zoran	10	3	13
McCluskey, Pat	2	1	3
Melta, Sergio	3	5	8
Muir, Jim	9	3	12
Muniz, Agenor	10	6	16
Northcote, Brian	23	2	25
Nyskohus, Bogdan	26	—	26
Nyskohus, John	24	—	24
Perin, John	20	4	24
Rigby, David	5	2	7
Romanowicz, Roger	4	3	7
Russo, Philip	1	1	2
Yung, Fred	15	6	21
Players used: 23 (in 1977: 20)			
Played in all: 1			

NEWCASTLE UNITED

	F	P	T
Amey, Bill	15	2	17
Boden, Ken	26	—	26
Catalowski, Slav	—	4	4
Charlton, Bobby	1	—	1
Curran, Colin	25	1	26
Dando, Phil	26	—	26
Drinkwater, Roy	25	—	25
Endacott, Neil	8	9	17
Galpin, Mike	20	3	23
Hardes, Lloyd	10	4	14
Johnstone, Craig	8	1	9
Kay, Peter	1	2	3
Mason, Craig	25	1	26
Mountford, Bob	9	—	9
Senkalski, Joe	1	2	3
Sneddon, John	7	3	10
Summerscales, Bill	25	—	25
Tredinnick, Peter	7	6	13
Turnbull, John	—	1	1
Vest, Alan	—	1	1
Willis, Peter	25	—	25
Players used: 21			
Played in all: 4			

FOOTSCRAY

	F	P	T
Belic, Zdravko	1	—	1
Boland, Dennis	18	1	19
Hazabent, Igor	21	1	22
Ilioski, Zoran	26	—	26
Kazi, Andrew	14	4	18
Kondarios, Jim	26	—	26

Kriaris, Jim	19	1	20
Lujic, Zdravko	23	—	23
Martin, John	5	3	8
McGuinness, Robert	—	3	3
Nikolaides, John	13	7	20
O'Hara, Mike	7	1	8
Palinkas, Joe	17	4	21
Parrott, Allan	2	—	2
Piccone, Josip	21	3	24
Ristic, Andrew	4	1	5
Ristovski, Mendo	18	4	22
Rujevic, Mirko	17	6	23
Vasic, Dragan	9	11	20
Players used: 19 (in 1977: 20)			
Played in all: 2			

CANBERRA CITY

	F	P	T
Brown, John	18	1	19
Byrne, Terry	20	3	23
Cant, Jim	22	1	23
Davies, John	14	4	18
Gruicic, Ivan	16	6	22
Henderson, Ken	—	2	2
Henderson, Tony	26	—	26
Heywood, Ian	11	8	19
Hogg, Steve	12	5	17
Kawaleva, Keni	4	2	6
Lindenmeyer, David	2	—	2
Lustica, Bernard	—	3	3
Marinello, Peter	11	—	11
Milovanovic, Mike	15	1	16
Moulis, Danny	17	1	18
Parker, Gary	9	—	9
Reis, Phil	—	1	1
Salgado, Luis	3	—	3
Stark, Roy	24	1	25
Stoddart, Brian	14	2	16
Tilsed, Ron	24	—	24
Players used: 21 (in 1977: 23).			
Played in all: 1			

Hakoah in front after two years

The table below tells the story of the two Philips League seasons combined.

Of the 12 teams which have taken part in both seasons, Sydney's Easts Hakoah have the best aggregate record, having collected 72 points for a 69.2 per cent success ratio.

The last is Canberra with 37 points for 35.5 per cent.

We included Mooroolbark and Newcastle, though they played only one season each.

Other interesting facts:

- Hakoah scored most wins (28) and scored most goals (99).
- St George and Canberra had the most drawn games (17 each).
- Canberra lost most matches (25) but Olympic conceded most goals (81).
- In the two-year period, Hakoah, Marconi, West Adelaide, Fitzroy, Adelaide City, South Melbourne, St George and Western Suburbs all had "positive" goal differences — leaving only four with a "negative" one.
- The same way, only four — the same four — have "negative" percentage ratios over the period.

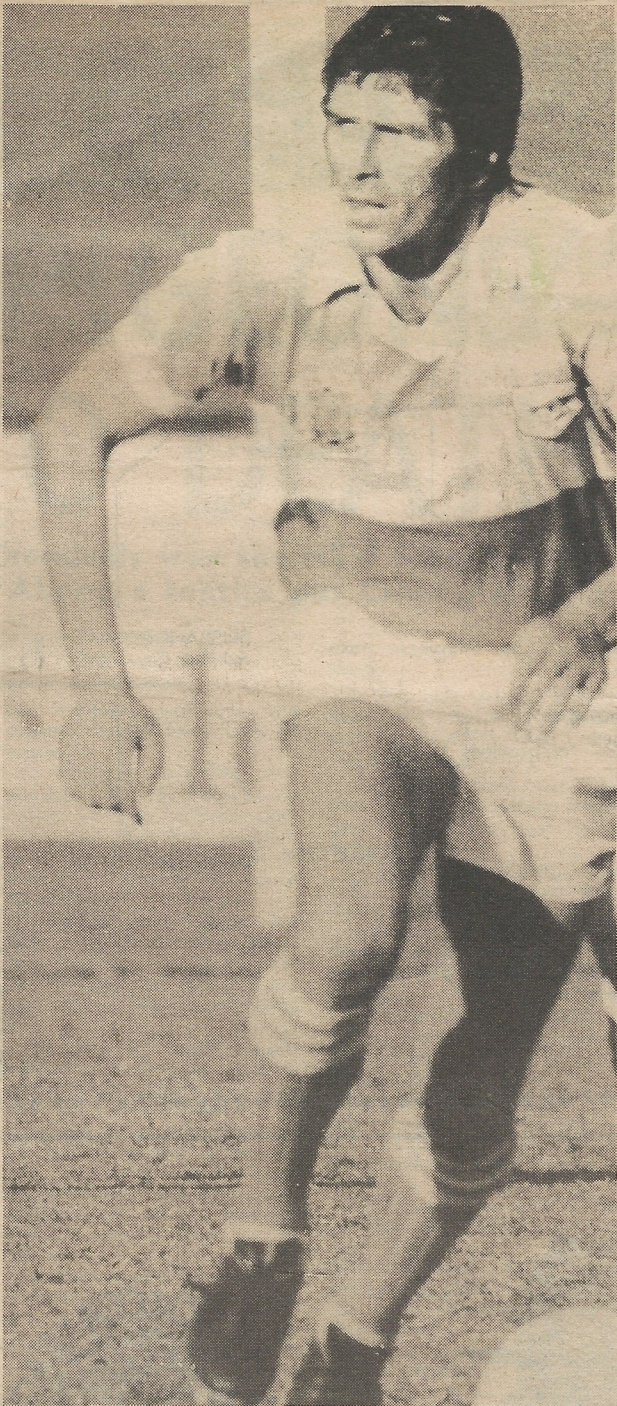
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	%
HAKOAH	52	28	16	8	99	53	72	69.2
MARCONI	52	27	13	12	88	52	67	64.4
WEST ADELAIDE	52	24	14	14	80	59	62	59.6
FITZROY	52	21	16	15	80	73	58	55.7
ADELAIDE CITY	52	21	13	18	88	75	55	52.8
SOUTH MELBOURNE	52	19	16	17	72	65	54	51.9
ST. GEORGE	52	18	17	17	78	72	53	50.9
WESTERN SUBURBS	52	20	13	19	79	74	53	50.9
BRISBANE LIONS	52	17	15	20	64	80	49	47.1
FOOTSCRAY	52	16	14	22	65	76	46	44.2
SYDNEY OLYMPIC	52	16	14	22	60	81	46	44.2
BRISBANE CITY	52	15	9	28	59	84	39	37.5
CANBERRA	52	10	17	25	50	80	37	35.5
NEWCASTLE	26	6	10	10	33	40	22	42.3
MOOROOLBARK	26	5	5	16	31	61	15	28.8



Hakoah's long serving secretary, Harry Lakmaker.

SPECIAL

REVIEW



Henry Mowbray, Hakoah captain.

ALL THE GOALS OF '78 IN PSL

Legend: Z — Also scored for another team. In parenthesis — Goals from penalty. X — Did not play for club in '77. 77 — Player's tally in 1977 if he appeared for the same club.

WEST ADELAIDE

	'77	'78
McGregor	7	5
Honeyman	5	3
Norris	5	9
Boyle	4	4
Bozanic	4	X
Jones	4	—
McGachey	4	4
Kambas	2(2)	X
Pillans	2	1
Carruthers	1	X
Tymczyszyn	1	X

EASTS HAKOAH

	'77	'78
Campbell	8	X
Silva	8	1
Smith, T.	5	14
Stevenson	5(3)	5
Watson	5	1
Barnes	4	12
Trenter	4	X
Souness	3	X
Mullen	1	—
O'Connor	1	1
Thomson	1	—

SOUTH MELBOURNE

	'77	'78
Cummings	9	3
Ollerton	7(Z)	6
Evans	6	X
Christopoulos	5	X
Campbell	4	X
Rogers	4	4
Hatzimanouil	3(1)	1
Baxter	1	X
Kalafatis	1	1
McGuinness	1(Z)	X
Wright	1	X

FITZROY

	'77	'78
Campbell	11	6
Cole	9	11
Buljevic	6	9
Bouzikas	3	3
Taylor	3(2)	4
Bannon	1	2
McMillan	1	—
Micevski	1	X
Tansey	1	1
Tront	1	X

BRISBANE LIONS

	'77	'78
Hughes	10	—
Fairbrother	4	X
Neale	4	4
Laslo	4	5
Hermiston	3(2)	X
Morris	3	10
Amos	2	X
Ontong	2	X
Spearitt	2	1
Potter	1	—

ST. GEORGE

	'77	'78
O'Connor	11(2)	8
Hensman	6	3
Morgan	6	8
Coates	3	X
J. O'Shea	3	1
Grosse	2	—
Jones	2	X
Djurisic	1	X
Gnavi	1	2
Mendez	1	1
R. O'Shea	1	4
Terry	1	—
Utjesenovic	1	—

FOOTSCRAY

	'77	'78
Rujevic	5	1
Lujic	4	X
Picaone	4	5
Nikolaides	3	1
Ristovski	3	8
Palinkas	3	6
Iljaski	1	—
Kondarios	1	4
Kriaris	1	1
McGuinness	1(Z)	X
Vasic	1	4

MARCONI

	'77	'78
Vieri	11(6)	1
Jankovics	9	X
Mariani	6	6
Sharne	6	7
Rooney	4	7
Byrne	3(2)	4
Ollerton	2(Z)	X
Richards	1	4

OLYMPIC

	'77	'78
Ainslie	7	X
Prie	6	6
D. Allan	5	3
McIntosh	5	3
Laing	4	X
Senkalski	3(1)	4
Jamieson	2	—
Bell	1	—
Davourlis	1	X
Wilson	1	—

WESTERN SUBURBS

	'77	'78
Eaton	14(1)	7
Fisher	9	—
Harding	4(1)	3
Vernon	4	X
Scott	3	X
Stone	2	1
Turnbull	2	—
O'Donnell	1	X

ADELAIDE CITY

	'77	'78
J. Nyskohus	7	9
Marocchi	5	6
Perin	5(1)	3
Deans	4	16
Northcote	4	7
Kolecki	3	X
Muir	3	X
Muniz	3(1)	2
Melta	1	1
B. Nyskohus	1	—

NEWCASTLE

	'77	'78
Boden	14(2)	—
Curran	3	—
Drinkwater	3	—
Galpin	3	—
Mason	3	—
Endacott	2	—
Mountford	2	—
Summerscales	2	—

CANBERRA CITY

	'77	'78
Gruicic	9(5)	4
Byrne	8	X
Heywood	2	X
Stoddart, B.	2	3
Cant	1	—
Henderson, T.	1	4
Marinello	1	X
Stark	1	1

BRISBANE CITY

	'77	'78
Marley	6	X
Kelso	5	X
Caldwell	4(2)	1
Echeverria	3	1
Conner	2	4
Gaffney	2	3
Coyne	1	4
Lavelle	1	—
Perry	1	X

OWN GOALS

	'77	'78
2:		
Bennett (Lions)	—	—
Drinkwater (Newcastle)	—	—
Grosse (St. George)	—	—
B. Nyskohus (Adelaide City)	—	—
Thomson (Hakoah)	—	—
1:		
D. Allan (Olympic)	—	—
Harris (St. George)	—	—
Hermiston (Lions)	—	—
Kondarios (Footscray)	—	—
Mason (Newcastle)	—	—
Neale (Lions)	—	—
O'Connor (St. George)	—	—
O'Connor (Hakoah)	—	—
Parrott (Footscray)	—	—
Perry (Brisbane City)	—	—
Rujevic (Footscray)	—	—
Stark (Canberra)	—	—
Tokesi (Brisbane City)	—	—
Willis (Newcastle)	—	—
Wilson (Lions)	—	—

PHILIPS LEAGUE TABLE

In brackets: Last week's placings	AGGREGATE								HOME								AWAY							
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P		P	W	D	L	F	A	P		P	W	D	L	F	A	P	
1 (1) WEST ADELAIDE.....	26	16	4	6	42	27	36		13	9	1	3	24	14	19		13	7	3	3	18	13	17	
2 (2) EASTS HAKOAH.....	26	15	5	6	49	27	35		13	8	2	3	25	11	18		13	7	3	3	24	16	17	
3 (4) SOUTH MELBOURNE...	26	12	8	6	45	30	32		13	7	3	3	26	12	17		13	5	5	3	19	18	15	
4 (3) MARCONI	26	12	6	8	46	31	30		13	8	3	2	30	14	19		13	4	3	6	16	17	11	
5 (5) FITZROY	26	9	8	9	39	39	26		13	6	3	4	19	14	15		13	3	5	5	20	25	11	
6 (6) BRISBANE LIONS	26	8	10	8	37	39	26		13	4	6	3	16	15	14		13	4	4	5	21	24	12	
7 (9) ST. GEORGE	26	11	3	12	41	40	25		13	7	1	5	20	17	15		13	4	2	7	21	23	10	
8 (7) OLYMPIC.....	26	9	7	10	35	43	25		13	3	3	7	16	23	9		13	6	4	3	19	20	16	
9 (8) WESTERN SUBURBS ...	26	9	6	11	41	45	24		13	6	4	3	25	18	16		13	3	2	8	16	27	8	
10(10) ADELAIDE CITY	26	9	6	11	38	44	24		13	6	2	5	22	18	14		13	3	4	6	16	26	10	
11(11) NEWCASTLE.....	26	6	10	10	33	40	22		13	3	6	4	19	20	12		13	3	4	6	14	20	10	
12(12) FOOTSCRAY	26	7	8	11	29	37	22		13	2	3	8	17	21	7		13	5	5	3	12	16	15	
13(13) CANBERRA.....	26	5	10	11	28	41	20		13	2	8	3	19	20	12		13	3	2	8	9	21	8	
14(14) BRISBANE CITY	26	7	3	16	29	49	17		13	4	2	7	15	22	10		13	3	1	9	14	27	7	

FIRST ROUND								AGGREGATE								HOME								AWAY								
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P		P	W	D	L	F	A	P		P	W	D	L	F	A	P		P	W	D	L	F	A	P	
1	MARCONI	13	9	4	—	31	9	22		7	6	1	—	22	8	13		6	3	3	—	9	1	9		6	3	3	—	9	1	9
2	WEST ADELAIDE	13	7	2	4	19	16	16		6	3	—	3	11	10	6		7	4	2	1	8	6	10		7	4	2	1	8	6	10
3	EASTS HAKOAH	13	6	3	4	27	15	15		7	3	2	2	12	6	8		6	3	1	2	15	9	7		6	3	1	2	15	9	7
4	BRISBANE LIONS	13	4	7	2	18	17	15		6	1	4	1	6	7	6		7	3	3	1	12	10	9		7	3	3	1	12	10	9
5	SOUTH MELBOURNE	13	4	6	3	14	12	14		7	2	3	2	7	7	7		6	2	3	1	7	5	7		6	2	3	1	7	5	7
6	WESTERN SUBURBS	13	5	4	4	23	23	14		7	3	3	1	12	9	9		6	2	1	3	11	14	5		6	2	1	3	11	14	5
7	FITZROY	13	4	5	4	16	19	13		6	3	2	1	8	5	8		7	1	3	3	8	14	5		7	1	3	3	8	14	5
8	BRISBANE CITY	13	6	—	7	16	19	12		7	4	—	3	9	8	8		6	2	—	4	7	11	4		6	2	—	4	7	11	4
9	CANBERRA CITY	13	1	9	3	15	19	12		7	—	7	—	10	10	7		6	1	2	3	5	9	4		6	1	2	3	5	9	4
10	FOOTSCRAY	13	3	5	5	9	14	11		6	1	1	4	4	8	3		7	2	4	1	5	6	8		7	2	4	1	5	6	8
11	ADELAIDE CITY	13	3	4	6	15	20	10		7	2	2	3	8	8	6		6	1	2	3	7	12	4		6	1	2	3	7	12	4
12	NEWCASTLE	13	2	6	5	18	26	10		6	—	3	3	8	13	3		7	2	3	2	10	13	7		7	2	3	2	10	13	7
13	OLYMPIC	13	3	4	6	14	22	10		6	1	2	3	7	9	4		7	2	2	3	7	13	6		7	2	2	3	7	13	6
14	ST. GEORGE	13	4	1	8	15	19	9		6	3	—	3	9	9	6		7	1	1	5	6	10	3		7	1	1	5	6	10	3

PHILIPS CUP

ROUND 1	ROUND 2	QUARTER-FINALS	SEMI-FINALS	FINAL
BRISBANE LIONS Annerley } 7-0	Brisbane Lions BRISBANE CITY } 2-4 (after 0-0 and penalties)	BRISBANE CITY Hakoah } 3-0	BRISBANE CITY Newcastle } 2-0* *In extra time	BRISBANE CITY Adelaide City } 2-1
St. George Souths BRISBANE CITY } 0-1				
SYDNEY OLYMPIC Auburn } 2-0	HAKOAH Sydney Olympic } 4-0			
South Side Eagles HAKOAH } 1-2				
ST. GEORGE APIA } 2-1	St. George WESTERN SUBS. } 0-1			
WESTERN SUBURBS Sutherland Shire } 2-0		NEWCASTLE Western Suburbs } 1-0		
Marconi CROATIA } 3-4	NEWCASTLE UTD. Croatia } 2-0			
Weston Bears NEWCASTLE UNITED } 1-2				
CANBERRA CITY West Woden Juventus } 4-0	George Cross CANBERRA CITY } 2-3			
GEORGE CROSS Juventus } 1-0		CANBERRA* Fitzroy } 1-1 *on penalties		
Prahran Slavia FITZROY UNITED } 3-6	FITZROY South Melbourne } 2-1			
SOUTH MELBOURNE Footscray } 2-1			ADELAIDE CITY Canberra } 3-1	
White Eagles ESSENDON } 0-2	Beograd Woodville ESSENDON } 0-5			
BEOGRAD WOODVILLE ED Azzurri } 2-1		ESSENDON Adelaide City } 0-1		
Ascot WEST ADELAIDE } 1-4	West Adelaide ADELAIDE CITY } 0-1			
ADELAIDE CITY Noarlunga United } 5-0				

PHILIPS CUP TO BRISBANE

Brisbane City

Adelaide City

2 (1)

1 (1)

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 3, Rathmell 3, Ratcliffe 3, Perry 5, Lavelle 3, Coyne 4, Pimblett 4, Kibbey 3, Gaffney 4, Caldwell 3 (Brusasco 60m), Kelso 3.

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall 3, B. Nyskohus 3, Besir 3 (Deans 80m), Lister 3, Melta 3, Matic 3, Perrin 3, Muniz 5, Marocchi 3, Marwe 3, J. Nyskohus 4.

Goals: 1-0 Kelso (29m), 1-1 Matic (31m), 2-1 Pimblett (77m). **Referee:** T. Boskovic (NSW). **Crowd:** 5200. **Cautions:** Lister, Lavelle.

Adelaide's Les Scheinflug must have been a trifle worried when Dixie Deans failed to come through a fitness test, robbing the South Australians of two of their top strikers, Northcote already missing because of suspension.

However, Adelaide took command from the first whistle and looked a vastly superior side to the locals who were struggling to put their game together, their passes more often than not going to an opponent.

For 20 minutes Adelaide, prompted superbly by a Muniz back to his best form, built up move after move across the middle but the finishing, obviously aimed at probing Wishart's well known weakness, usually found no one on the end of the swirling crosses.

Then the Brisbane "push" began, as in the last two matches, with Pimblett and Coyne swinging longish balls forward into spaces.

Kelso showed he had the measure of Lister and twice passed the veteran only to be dumped.

Tony Boskovic didn't take to this kindly and flashed the yellow card; perhaps he should have flashed a red light for, within four minutes of the booking, the youngster lost his marker completely to take a Caldwell cut-back at the near post for the opening goal.

Brisbane's joy was shortlived, however; within two minutes a defensive blunder saw three defenders rise to a Muniz cross only to succeed in mixing each other up, the ball falling

to an unmarked Matic who volleyed home from 12 metres.

Oddly enough, the play deteriorated somewhat and, until half time, no edge was obvious for either side, though Pimblett, Coyne and Gaffney were coming more and more into the scheme of things in the middle.

The second half saw a continued improvement in this department and even when the threatening Caldwell was forced to leave the field City did not lose its momentum.

Muniz was still trying hard to get things moving but everywhere he rifled his probing passes there was the man of the match, diminutive Steve Perry, who, by now, had the whole Adelaide attack in the palm of his hand.

Pimblett, having his best game for some time, took a series of corners on the left wing and, after two consecutive tries at the near post targets, Kelso and Kibbey kidded young Marshall when he suddenly swung a vicious inswinger to the far post where it went in unaided to give Brisbane a lead they were never to relinquish.

Scheinflug had brought on Deans as a desperate measure and the two strikers found themselves in the acres of space left by Besir's departure but rushed their finishing shots when sidefoot taps would have done the job.

— JIM BINNIE

FAREWELL TO '78

This special souvenir issue in "Soccer World" marks the end of another soccer season — and the end of the second year of Philips Soccer League.

It seems to have been a very long two years — perhaps because many of us had been thinking about an Australia-wide soccer competition for so long before the Philips Soccer League became a reality.

enthusiastic interest of Newcastle supporters there can be no doubt it was a step in the right direction.

I am sure there will be more "Newcastles" in the future.

The Philips Soccer League has made good progress again during the past season, even though there is still a long way to go.

Crowds have increased, and the overall increased interest in soccer has been reflected in greater coverage by the media.

This is encouraging, but we cannot expect miracles overnight.

Sports fans love "heroes", and soccer does not yet have the equivalent of a Mick Cronin or a Leigh Matthews, a David Hookes or a Ray Higgins.

Soccer will also have its "heroes" — but it will take time.

The first two years of Philips Soccer League have been years of establishment and consolidation.

A number of problems have had to be faced, and most of them have been solved.

We look forward to next season with a great deal of confidence.

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The PSL is not yet Australia-wide, of course. But it does comprise teams from New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia and the ACT, and that is an encouraging beginning.

This past season saw the inclusion of Newcastle — the first team from outside one of the capital cities.

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THE TALE OF SIX CITIES

Although the Philips League is all about individual teams, fans keenly follow the fortunes of their cities.

These tables below show the PSL table broken up into its components, revealing just how the intricacy and intercity rivalries shaped in 1978.

SYDNEY v SYDNEY	Hakoah	Marconi	St. Geo.	Olympic	West. Subs.	Pt.	Pt.
Hakoah		0-0	4-2	5-0	3-0	8	13
Marconi	1-2		2-1	0-0	6-2	8	7
St. George	1-3	2-1		1-2	1-0	8	4
Olympic	0-2	1-1	2-0		0-1	8	7
Western Suburbs	3-2	3-1	2-1	2-2		8	9

Maximum points:
Hakoah v St. George
Hakoah v Olympic

In the all-Sydney clashes Hakoah did the best — they collected 13 of the possible 16 points, losing only once in eight outings.

Western Suburbs fared very well in home matches — but poorly when guests.

St. George came off worst: they gathered in four points — and lost all their four away matches.

MELBOURNE v MELBOURNE	St. Melb.	Fitzroy	Footscray	Pt.	Pt.
South Melbourne		1-1	4-0	4	5
Fitzroy	4-1		0-1	4	5
Footscray	0-2	1-2		4	2

Maximum points:
South Melbourne v Footscray

Footscray's poor record is obvious: in four matches against local rivals they managed only two points.

SYDNEY v MELBOURNE	St. Melb.	Fitzroy	Footscray	Pt.	Pt.
Hakoah	H	0-0	2-1	1-2	
Marconi	A	0-3	1-1	1-1	
St. George	H	1-1	4-0	1-2	
Olympic	A	3-0	1-4	2-0	
Western Suburbs	H	0-2	2-0	3-1	
	A	2-5	4-1	0-2	
	H	1-2	1-3	1-1	
	A	1-1	1-3	3-2	
	H	3-0	2-3	0-0	
	A	2-0	3-0	3-2	

	Pt.	Pt.		Pt.	Pt.
Hakoah	6	5	South Melbourne	10	11
Marconi	6	7	Fitzroy	10	9
St. George	6	6	Footscray	10	9
Olympic	6	4			
Western Suburbs	6	9		30	29
	30	31			

Maximum points:
South Melbourne v St. George
St. George v Fitzroy
Fitzroy v Olympic
Western Suburbs v South Melbourne

The traditional Sydney-Melbourne rivalry again was won by Sydney — but just.

Western Suburbs did the best of the Sydney teams, winning four and drawing one of their six matches.

It's interesting to note that South Melbourne and Footscray lost only once in Sydney — but Wests won all their matches in Melbourne.

SYDNEY v ADELAIDE	West. Adel.	Adel. City	Pt.	Pt.
Hakoah	H	2-1	1-2	
Marconi	A	2-3	1-0	
St. George	H	2-0	1-1	
Olympic	A	1-2	0-4	
Western Suburbs	H	0-1	2-1	
	A	4-1	0-1	
	H	2-4	2-1	
	A	1-0	1-0	
	H	1-2	2-3	
	A	0-2	2-4	

	Pt.	Pt.		Pt.	Pt.
Hakoah	4	4	West Adelaide	10	12
Marconi	4	3	Adelaide City	10	11
St. George	4	4			
Olympic	4	6		20	23
Western Suburbs	4	0			
	20	17			

Maximum points:
Olympic v Adelaide City
West Adelaide v Western Suburbs
Adelaide City v Western Suburbs

Both Adelaide teams finished up with "positive" records against Sydney clubs.

Western Suburbs lost all their four matches but Marconi also collected only three points.

SYDNEY v BRISBANE	Br. Lions	Br. City	Pt.	Pt.
Hakoah	H	1-3	2-0	
Marconi	A	1-1	3-0	
St. George	A	3-0	3-0	
Olympic	H	2-2	2-0	
Western Suburbs	A	0-0	4-1	
	H	2-4	2-1	
	A	2-1	2-3	
	H	2-2	3-1	
	A	1-3	0-0	

	Pt.	Pt.		Pt.	Pt.
Hakoah	4	5	Brisbane Lions	10	10
Marconi	4	8	Brisbane City	10	3
St. George	4	6		20	13
Olympic	4	4			
Western Suburbs	4	4			
	20	27			

Maximum points:

Hakoah v Brisbane City

Marconi v Brisbane Lions

Marconi v Brisbane City

St. George v Brisbane City

Brisbane City had a disastrous season against Sydney clubs: eight defeats, one draw and only one win.

Marconi won all points in their encounters with Brisbane outfits.

MELBOURNE v ADELAIDE	West. Adel.	Adel. City	Pt.	Pt.
South Melbourne	H	0-2	5-0	
	A	1-3	1-1	
Fitzroy	H	1-1	3-0	
	A	2-3	2-3	
Footscray	H	2-2	0-1	
	A	2-1	1-0	

	Pt.	Pt.		Pt.	Pt.
South Melbourne	4	3	West Adelaide	6	8
Fitzroy	4	3	Adelaide City	6	5
Footscray	4	5		12	13
	12	11			

Maximum points:

West Adelaide v South Melbourne

Melbourne, like Sydney, were outgunned by Adelaide 11 points to 13.

West Adelaide lost only once, against Footscray in Melbourne — the same Footscray which has won only twice at home in 1978.

MELBOURNE v BRISBANE	Br. Lions	Br. City	Pt.	Pt.
South Melbourne	H	2-1	0-1	
	A	1-1	4-3	
Fitzroy	H	0-0	1-0	
	A	1-1	1-1	
Footscray	H	4-0	2-2	
	A	0-0	0-3	

	Pt.	Pt.		Pt.	Pt.
South Melbourne	4	5	Brisbane Lions	6	4
Fitzroy	4	6	Brisbane City	6	6
Footscray	4	3		12	10
	12	14			

Maximum points: None.

A narrow Melbourne win here over Brisbane. Surprisingly, Brisbane City did better than Lions.

U-19 SQUAD

This is the initial Australian U-19 squad announced by Rudi Gutendorf:

New South Wales: Greg Woodhouse (Western Suburbs), John Karaspyros (Olympic), Paul Kay (St. George), Craig Hall (Sutherland), Mick O'Shea (St. George), Greg Ankudinoff (Western Suburbs), Ian Hunter (Nepean), Peter Katholos (Marrickville), Peter Raskopoulos (Olympic).

Victoria: Theo Selemidis (Fitzroy), Steve Kakantonis (St. Melbourne), Eddie Knevic (Essendon), Jeff Oliver (Albion Leyland), George Christopoulos (St. Melbourne), Stephen Blair (Albion Leyland), Alan Davidson (Altona).

South Australia: Ian May (Steel United), Paul Iannace (Azzurri), George Koulouanos (West Adelaide), John Dedes (West Adelaide).

ACT: Steven Hogg (Canberra City), Michael Milovanovic (Canberra City), Joe Arquerio (Canberra City), Danny Moulis (Canberra City), David Lindenmayer (Canberra City).

Queensland: Tony Scanlon (Annerley), Mark Brusasco (Brisbane City), John Ogden (Brisbane Lions).

Northern NSW: Peter Tredinnick (Newcastle United), Graham Jennings (Adamstown Rosebuds), Neal Endacott (Newcastle United), Malcolm McClelland (Adamstown Rosebuds).

Western Australia: John Spanos (Ascot), Charlie Iannantuoni (Azzurri).



Frank Pimblett — stalwart of double Philips Cup winners Brisbane City.

ADELAIDE v BRISBANE	Br. Lions	Br. City	Pt.	Pt.
West Adelaide	H	3-0	2-0	
	A	0-1	1-0	
Adelaide City	H	1-4	3-2	
	A	1-3	1-2	

	Pt.	Pt.		Pt.	Pt.
West Adelaide	4	6	Brisbane Lions	4	6
Adelaide City	4	2	Brisbane City	4	2
	8	8		8	8

Maximum points:

West Adelaide v Brisbane City

Brisbane City v Adelaide City

Where Sydney and Melbourne failed, Brisbane succeeded: they held their own against the Adelaide teams.

Lions won three of their four matches but Brisbane City won only one — away.

These are the results of the intercity aggregates:

	Points
SYDNEY v MELBOURNE	31-29
ADELAIDE v SYDNEY	23-17
SYDNEY v BRISBANE	27-13
ADELAIDE v MELBOURNE	13-11
MELBOURNE v BRISBANE	14-10
ADELAIDE v BRISBANE	8-8
SYDNEY v CANBERRA	15-5
CANBERRA v MELBOURNE	7-5
ADELAIDE v CANBERRA	6-2
CANBERRA v BRISBANE	5-3
NEWCASTLE v CANBERRA	3-1
SYDNEY v NEWCASTLE	11-9
MELBOURNE v NEWCASTLE	7-5
ADELAIDE v NEWCASTLE	6-2
BRISBANE v NEWCASTLE	5-3

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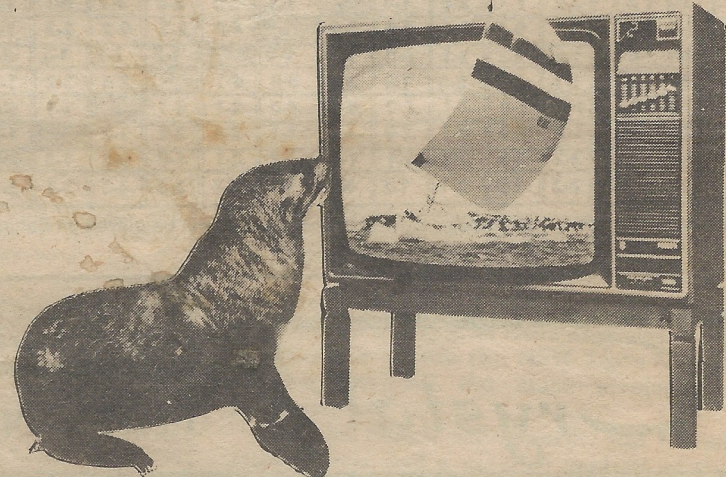
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CROWDS UP BUT GAINS UNEVEN

Newcastle KB United, in their initial and only PSL season have drawn more spectators than Sydney's Hakoah and St. George combined — in two years.

This is one of the remarkable figures which comes out of a careful compilation of crowd attendances of the Philips League.

But, before we go on, a word of caution: these figures, in many cases, are unreliable.

Some clubs give a round-figure estimate (Footscray and Fitzroy have this habit) and the Brisbane clubs provide rough approximates.

They say statistics lie. Perhaps; but so do some club officials.

Several clubs, notably in Melbourne and Sydney, deeply embarrassed about their meagre crowds, deliberately "dress up" the crowd figures before giving them to the Press.

Just to what extent this self-delusion goes on is hard to say.

But this year we noted several blatant cases. In one, in Sydney, the attendance was about 200—given as just over 1000.

So if we are prepared to live with these white lies, let's also assume, for the sake of comparisons, that this artificial crowd swelling has been going on for two years, not just one.

Apart from Newcastle's amazing instant success, the spectator citadel of Australian soccer is still Adelaide — though this year they have slipped.

Sydney crowds went up — largely due to a big jump by Marconi — but Olympic and Wests have lost appeal.

Taking 1977-78 as one, Sydney Olympic, once the mammoth crowd-pullers, now rank only 8th in Australia.

The novelty of the PSL might

have worn off in Brisbane where figures took a sharp decline: since last year they lost some 36,000 spectators or an average of 1367 a game.

This is especially surprising in the case of Lions who, despite the logistic backing of a large sponsor, are down by 12,000 on 1977.

Canberra have almost trebled their crowds since last year — an astonishing feat.

And since their results have not

been all that different over the past two seasons — finishing 13th in both years — this may have quite a bit to do with the team playing in the modern Bruce Stadium instead of the primitive Manuka Oval.

Finally, these are the teams which have increased their gates since last year: Marconi (by 33,153), St. George (1894), South Melbourne (27,320), West Adelaide (11,482) and Canberra (44,650).

Clubs who have lost are Hakoah (2285), Wests (4456), Olympic (3223), Fitzroy (3200), Footscray (4900), Adelaide City (27,168), Lions (11,760) and Brisbane City (23,802).

One more word of explanation: Sometimes teams played double-headers.

As it is physically impossible to split the original loyalty of the crowds, we halved these figures, giving 50 per cent to the two home teams.



Adelaide City's Brazilian ace Azenor Muniz

SPECIAL



REVIEW ADELAIDE ON TOP

Adelaide has won the 1978 "race" of the cities if the aggregate points collected are added up.

They lead the parade from Sydney and Melbourne with Brisbane trailing.

We included Newcastle and Canberra even though they are "one horse towns".

This is how the calculations were made: We added up the points won by the teams in each city, then divided it by the number of points they could have won.

In Adelaide's case, for instance, the available points was 104 — 52 for each team playing 26 games.

ADELAIDE:
West Adelaide 36 pts
Adelaide City 24 pts

60 pts = 57.5%

SYDNEY:
Hakoah 35 pts
Marconi 30 pts
St. George 25 pts
Olympic 25 pts
Western Suburbs 24 pts

139 pts = 53.4%

MELBOURNE:
South Melbourne 32 pts
Fitzroy 26 pts
Footscray 22 pts

80 pts = 51.2%

NEWCASTLE:
..... 22 pts = 42.3%

BRISBANE:
Lions 26 pts
Brisbane City 17 pts

43 pts = 41.3%

CANBERRA:
..... 20 pts = 38.4%

	1977		1978		TOTAL	
	T	A	T	A	T	A
HAKOAH	26,338	2,026	24,053	1,850	50,391	1,938
MARCONI	42,952	3,304	76,105	5,854	119,057	4,579
ST. GEORGE	25,936	1,995	27,830	2,140	53,766	2,067
WESTERN SUBURBS	22,072	1,697	17,616	1,355	39,688	1,526
OLYMPIC	48,482	3,729	45,259	3,481	93,741	3,605
SYDNEY TOTAL	165,780	2,550	190,863	2,936	356,643	2,743
FITZROY	65,000	5,000	61,800	4,753	126,800	4,876
FOOTSCRAY	38,700	2,976	33,800	2,600	72,500	2,788
SOUTH MELBOURNE	57,700	4,438	85,020	6,540	142,720	5,489
MELBOURNE TOTAL	161,400	4,138	180,620	4,631	342,020	4,384
ADELAIDE CITY	99,732	7,671	72,564	5,581	172,296	6,626
WEST ADELAIDE	71,779	5,521	83,261	6,404	155,040	5,963
ADELAIDE TOTAL	171,511	6,596	155,825	5,993	327,336	6,294
BRISBANE LIONS	50,200	3,861	38,440	2,956	88,640	3,409
BRISBANE CITY	70,152	5,396	46,350	3,565	116,502	4,480
BRISBANE TOTAL	120,352	4,628	84,790	3,261	205,142	3,945
CANBERRA	23,150	1,780	67,800	5,215	90,950	3,498
NEWCASTLE	—	—	109,675	8,436	109,675	8,436
MOOROOLBARK	13,450	1,084	—	—	13,450	1,084
TOTAL	655,643	3,602	789,573	5,639	1,445,216	3,970

Legend: T = Total. A = Average.

Player-of-the-year elected Thursday

Speculation is intensifying about the identity of the Philips League "Player of the Year" to be announced on Thursday, October 12, at the annual dinner of the Australian Soccer Press Association at Sydney's Wentworth Hotel.

Soccer writers from all PSL States have cast their votes in the ballot.

As Sydney and Melbourne provide the largest membership of ASPA, players from these

centres are expected to dominate the vote.

An unofficial survey has shown that these players appear to be top candidates for the award:

Vieri, Sharne, Silva,

Barnes, Stone (Sydney), Boden (Newcastle), McGachey, Boyle (Adelaide), Cole, J. Campbell (Melbourne), Henderson (Canberra), Perry and Hermiston

(Brisbane).

In the Under-21 "Player of the Year" contest early favorites are J. O'Shea and Souness (Sydney), Byrne (Canberra), Kalafatidis and G. Campbell (Melbourne), Bozanic and Marshall (Adelaide) and Tredinnick (Newcastle).

The race for the "Coach of the Year" award could develop into a two-horse race between Adam (Adelaide) and Chaldi (Sydney), while the best referee's award may go to Boskovic, Bambridge, Rampley, Yelland or Campbell.

Last year's winners were: Rooney (player of year); Kosmina (under-21); Rasic (coach) and Boskovic (referee).

It will be interesting to see if any of them can repeat his win.

	Hakoah	Marconi	Fitzroy	Adel. City	West. Sub.	St. George	West Adel.	Footscray	Br. Lions	Br. City	South Melb.	Olympic	Canberra	Newcastle
Hakoah	0-0	2-1	1-2	3-0	4-2	2-1	1-2	1-3	2-0	0-0	5-0	3-0	1-0	
Marconi	1-2	4-0	1-1	6-2	2-1	2-0	1-2	3-1	3-2	1-1	0-0	2-0	4-2	
Fitzroy	1-1	4-1	3-0	0-3	1-4	1-1	0-1	0-0	1-0	4-1	3-1	0-1	1-0	
Adel. City	0-1	4-0	3-2	4-2	1-0	1-2	0-1	1-4	3-2	1-1	0-1	3-1	1-1	
West. Sub.	3-2	3-1	2-3	2-3	2-1	1-2	0-0	2-2	3-1	3-0	2-2	1-0	1-1	
St. George	1-3	2-1	2-0	2-1	1-0	0-1	3-1	2-2	2-0	0-2	1-2	2-1	2-3	
West Adel.	3-2	2-1	3-2	1-1	2-0	1-4	1-2	3-0	2-0	3-1	0-1	2-0	1-0	
Footscray	1-1	0-2	1-2	0-1	2-3	2-0	2-2	4-0	2-2	0-2	2-3	1-2	0-1	
Br. Lions	1-1	0-3	1-1	3-1	3-1	0-0	1-0	0-0	1-2	1-1	1-2	2-2	2-1	
Br. City	0-3	0-3	1-1	2-1	0-0	1-4	0-1	3-0	0-1	3-4	3-2	1-0	1-2	
South Melb.	3-0	0-3	1-1	5-0	2-1	5-2	0-2	4-0	2-1	0-1	1-1	0-0	3-0	
Olympic	0-2	1-1	1-3	2-1	0-1	2-0	2-4	1-1	2-4	2-1	1-2	1-2	1-1	
Canberra	1-2	0-0	2-2	2-2	2-2	1-1	1-1	1-1	2-1	4-0	0-3	1-3	2-2	
Newcastle	1-4	1-0	2-2	2-2	2-1	1-2	0-1	1-1	2-2	2-3	1-1	1-1	3-0	

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